Information to identify the case:

Debtor 1: Donna Sue Pickel

Name

Debtor 2: Kevin Joseph Pickel

(Spouse, if filing) Name

United States Bankruptcy Court - Southern District of Indiana

Case number: 14-02195-JMC-13

Social Security number or ITIN: xxx-xx-0607

EIN: \_\_-\_\_

Social Security number or ITIN: xxx-xx-9370

EIN: \_\_\_\_\_\_

# **Order of Discharge**

12/2018

IT IS ORDERED that a discharge under 11 U.S.C. § 1328(a) is granted to the following debtors:

Donna Sue Pickel fka Donna Sue Sloan

Kevin Joseph Pickel

Dated: May 7, 2019 By the court: /s/ James M. Carr

Judge, U.S. Bankruptcy Court

### **Explanation of Bankruptcy Discharge in a Chapter 13 Case**

This order does not close or dismiss the case.

Creditors cannot collect discharged debts

This order means that no one may make any attempt to collect a discharged debt from the debtors personally. For example, creditors cannot sue, garnish wages, assert a deficiency, or otherwise try to collect from the debtors personally on discharged debts. Creditors cannot contact the debtors by mail, phone, or otherwise in any attempt to collect the debt personally. Creditors who violate this order can be required to pay the debtors damages and attorney's fees.

However, a creditor with a lien may enforce a claim against the debtors' property subject to that lien unless the lien was avoided or eliminated. For example, a creditor may have the right to foreclose a home mortgage or repossess an automobile.

Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 524(f), this order does not prevent the debtors from paying any debt voluntarily.

#### Most debts are discharged

Most debts are covered by the discharge, but not all. Generally, a discharge removes the debtors' personal liability for debts provided for by the chapter 13 plan.

In a case involving community property, special rules protect certain community property owned by the debtors' spouse, even if that spouse did not file a bankruptcy case.

For more information, see page 2 >

Debtors Donna Sue Pickel and Kevin Joseph Pickel

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## **Explanation of Bankruptcy Discharge in a Chapter 13 Case (continued)**

#### Some debts are not discharged

Examples of debts that are not discharged are listed below:

- Debts that are domestic support obligations.
- Debts for most student loans.
- Debts for certain types of taxes specified in 11 U.S.C. §§ 507(a)(8)(C), 523(a)(1)(B), or 523(a)(1)(C) to the extent not paid in full under the plan.
- Debts that the bankruptcy court has decided or will decide are not discharged in this bankruptcy case.
- Debts for restitution, or a criminal fine, included in a sentence on debtors' criminal conviction.
- Some debts which the debtors did not properly list.
- Debts provided for under 11 U.S.C. § 1322(b)(5) and on which the last payment or other transfer is due after the date on which the final payment under the plan was due.

- Debts for certain consumer purchases made after the bankruptcy case was filed if obtaining the trustee's prior approval of incurring the debt was practicable but was not obtained.
- Debts for restitution, or damages, awarded in a civil action against the debtors as a result of malicious or willful injury by the debtors that caused personal injury to an individual or the death of an individual.
- Debts for death or personal injury caused by operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

In addition, this discharge does not stop creditors from collecting from anyone else who is also liable on the debt, such as an insurance company or a person who cosigned or guaranteed a loan.

This information is only a general summary of a Chapter 13 discharge; some exceptions exist. Because the law is complicated, you should consult an attorney to determine the exact effect of the discharge in this case.